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# House Plans JFK, King Death Probes

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—With the active support of the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, leaders in the House of Representatives agreed yesterday to create a special committee to investigate the murders of the civil rights leader and of President John Kennedy.

Rep. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, D-Calif., the leader of the congressional Black Caucus, said she is convinced the investigation will show that others besides James Earl Ray were involved in Dr. King's killing. She declined to provide specifics.

Rep. Burke and two former aides to Dr. King—Reps. Andrew Young, D-Ga., and Walter Fauntroy, D-Wash., D.C.—reached an agreement with the House Democratic leadership to establish a 12-member committee, including at least three or four members of the Black Caucus, to handle the probe.

The lawmakers were accompanied during the meeting by Mrs. King.

"She was in accord," Rep. Burke said of Mrs. King. "She had in the past not necessarily wanted to pursue it. But she now agrees that the facts must come out."

Rep. Burke said that the committee would operate as two subcommittees, one to investigate the King murder and the other to probe the assassination of Kennedy.

**Stalemate Ended**

The initiative of the Black Caucus apparently broke a stalemate in the House Rules Committee, which, since last spring, has blocked legislation calling for a congressional investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

The author of the measure to reopen the Kennedy case, Rep. Thomas Downing, D-Va., has been a persistent critic of the Warren Commission, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin of Kennedy.

The congressman has said that the first step in a new investigation is to demonstrate that the Warren Commission's investigation was inadequate.

Under congressional rules, a special investigating committee can last only until the end of the Congress in which it was created. The assassination committee, therefore, will go out of business in January.

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